Appl. Resp. Reply

Appl. No. 09/831,968 Resp. Dated February 3, 2004 Reply to Office Action of December 19, 2003

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of:

Andreas KRAETZSCHMAR et al

Serial No.:

09/831,968

Confirmation No.: 3586

Filed:

May 16, 2001

For:

SELF-RECOVERING CURRENT-LIMITING DEVICE

WITH LIQUID METAL

Art Unit:

2836

Examiner:

James A. Demakis

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 3, 2004

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the final office action dated December 19, 2003 received in the aboveidentified application, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (6 pages) in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established. []

Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.

No fee for additional claims is required. [X] ·

A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	* Minus	** =	0	\mathbf{x}	\$ 9	\$	_	x \$ 18 \$
INDEP. CLAIMS	* Minus	*** =	0	\mathbf{x}	\$ 40	\$	_	x \$ 80 \$
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] Also	transmitted	herewith are:
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[] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136

[] Other:

[] Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is/are attached to cover:

- [] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
- [] Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
- [] Other:
- The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this [X] communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
 - Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by [X] check submitted herewith.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17. [X]

Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, [X] and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR

1.136.

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